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Reference: Year End Report (7/1/97-12/31/97)

Dear Mr. Corwin:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Commission Regulations define the term "purpose" to mean a brief statement or description of why a disbursement was made. Examples are, but not limited to "dinner expense", "media", "salary", "polling", "travel", "party fees", "phone banks", "travel expenses", "travel expense reimbursement" and "catering costs". Unacceptable descriptions include "advance", "election day expense", "expenses", "other expenses", "expense reimbursement", "miscellaneous", "outside services", "get-out-the-vote" and "voter registration". (11 CFR §104.3(b)(4)) Please amend Schedule B of your report to correct the descriptions which do not meet the requirements of the Regulations.

-Schedule D of your report fails to supply certain information. Commission Regulations require the full name and mailing address of each creditor, the outstanding balance at the beginning and end of the reporting period, the amount incurred during this period, any payment made during this period, and the nature or purpose of each debt. All debts must be reported until extinguished or settled. Please amend your report to include adequate purposes for the following debts: Michael Berman, Inc., \$25,000 and Charlotte Debbs & Co., \$5,000. (11 CFR §104.11)

-Your report discloses contribution(s) from a corporation (pertinent portion attached). A contribution from a corporation is prohibited by the Act.